Bible & Daily Living

Stable commandments

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
Unchanging Commandments
Lesson for July 5, 1981
Bible Study Passages: Deuteronomy 5:6-8, 11-21
INTRODUCTION

Alvin Toffler wrote a book over a decade ago entitled FUTURE SHOCK. The book describes the enormous changes that have taken place in our society, as well as the changes that will happen in time. The book also describes the impact such change has upon the person.

Some changes are as welcome as a refreshing rain. Other changes are quite threatening to our stability and sense of security. One of our greatest needs is the feeling of security, and when something comes along and disturbs our security we become restless and insecure.

Fortunately, some things in life never change. The earth rotates on its axis every twenty-four hours and the tides come in and go out with the gravity of the moon. This week in our Bible study we focus upon the laws of God which never change with time, namely, the Ten Commandments.

Moses sought to burn the Ten Commandments onto the mind of the Hebrew. He argues that behind the Ten Commandments the authority of God stood firm. The commandments have withstood the test of time, more than any philosophy or political platform. The commandments are governing laws by which people can live together in harmony and in dependence upon God. The commandments are divided up into those which deal with our relationship to God and those which deal with our relationship with fellow human beings.

Affirming The Commandments
[Deut. 5:6-8]

Moses was God's spokesman to the people of Israel. He relayed the words of God to the people and proclaimed them as the authoritative message of God. Moses came to the people and declared the laws of Yahweh and reaffirmed how God had acted in the past and that he would continue with them in a covenant relationship.

The very first commandment stresses the fact that God would not permit anything other than absolute dedication to him. Worship of other gods would nullify the covenant that Yahweh established with his people. All gods other than the true God of Israel were to be counted as irrelevant.

Much has been made over the commandments and their place in human life. Humanity needs some form of governing laws, for without them society breaks up into chaos and barbarism. As humans we need boundaries and limits if we are going to make sense of life. Those who live "out of bounds" create conflict and problems for themselves and others.

Children require limits in order to teach them to exercise control and management of life. Without limits a person is apt to be uncontrollable and unmanageable.

Marriage has its boundaries too. Some see marriage as a prison that keeps them from doing their own thing and living irresponsibly. A good marriage, however, has a fence around it which keeps in the good qualities of intimacy, support, care, and security.

Society must regulate and govern its people lest their be only anarchy. Laws are important to maintain the protection and rights of others. The ten commandments provide the basis for true worship and responsible behavior towards our neighbors. God's laws are not meant to restrain us but to free us to become the best we can be.

Practice of the Commandments
(Deut. 5:11-21)

The commandments are designed to produce positive results for those who observe them. Keeping the Sabbath is not intended simply to hallow a particular day, but to free people from work to worship and relax. The Sabbath has simply become another work day for many. There are commandments against covetousness towards a man's or his land, two of the treasured aspects of the ancient Hebrew.

The commandments are designed by God to aid us in our journey, not to detain us.

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYP)

THE APPOMATTOX County High School delegation to the FFA State Convention in Blacksburg.

FFA members in state convention

The Appomattox Junior and Senior FFA Chapters sent 25 members and advisors to the State FFA Convention held last week on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

Those attending from Appomattox were Kenneth Mayberry, Sarah Simpson, Connie Krantz, Robert Coleman, Glenn McClenny, Roger Walton, Sherry Overton, Donnie Steadman, Lynn Padgett, Richard Conner, Richard Jones, Malcolm Miller, Cecil Jacobs, Lisa Coleman, Kevin Kendrick, Cat Ballowe, Ronald Gallier, Randall Scott, and Paul Humbles.

During the week-long activities the students participated in Livestock Judging, Crops Judging, Agricultural Mechanics Judging, and the Farm Business Management Contests.

In addition to contests the students attended meetings and sessions dealing with business of the state FFA.

During the afternoons there was time alloted for tours, swimming, softball, volleyball, and other recreational activities.

Several members received special recognition during the week. Richard Jones was elected State Sentinel and was named an Area winner in Poultry Production. Glenn McClenny was named area winner in Crop Production and Richard Conner received the Area award for Turf and Landscape Management. The Mechanics team placed 5th in state competition. Team members were Richard Jones, Donnie Steadman, and Richard Conner. The Farm Business Management team composed of Sarah Simpson, Connie Krantz, and Sherry Overton placed 7th in the state contest.

FFA Advisors accompanying the group to Blacksburg were Arthur Wiggins, Barry Sauls, Bobby Waddell, Albert Carter, Jimmy Burcher, and Jessee Morgan.

For wheat crop

Record year expected

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

This year will set a new yield record for wheat. The crop is just as good as many suspected and possibly as high a quality as we've seen in a long time. I'm guessing that the county average is over 50 bushels, with a lot in 60's and some small plots running in the low 70's. This is a long way from the 1962 yield of 19 bushels per acre.

The discouraging aspect of such good yields is price. Wheat prices have been falling for several months. A big carryover plus high interest rates are contributors. This could well be another example of a cliche that I've used on a number of occasions

"If you can't store it, don't grow it."

Certainly there are times when a particular cash-flow problem requires sale at harvest time. On the other hand, there are many examples of the value of storage. Some who had storage facilities for the 1980 crop finally moved it at $4.80 a bushel. Obivously storage doesn't always pay, but with storage at least there is an option.

While we are on wheat, be sure to seed a few acres of the new ones that will be available this fall, Tyler and Wheeler. They are distinctly better than anything we are currently growing.

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We want to make a major effort to get more acres of fescue stockpiled for winter feeding. Information will be going out in mid-July reminding you of the management steps to successfully stockpile this important forage. To get us moving in this direction, our goal for 1981-82 is 3000 acres, or enough to feed about 3000 cows. On a per farm basis, this means just 20 acres. This would be enough acreage to help you get a good feel and find out how well it will work for you.

Dairymen need to take a look at this practice for dry cows and heifers. You'll need to supplement the stockpiled fescue with a small amount of corn, but it will save labor and dollars.

Did you know that commercial vegetable acreage in Virginia had declined from 61,000 acres in 1970 to 36,000 in 1980? Why? Prices, unfavorable weather, increased production costs, greater regulation and opportunities in new crops such as soybeans.

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Your lawn is an oxygen factory. Each blade of grass acts as an air purifier by taking in carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Twenty percent of the air we breathe is oxygen. To keep on breathing, each individual uses daily about 35 pounds of oxygen. This adds up to some 12,775 pounds per year. Green land plants and sea vegetation are the main sources for this oxygen. With the increase of carbon dioxide from the population explosion as well as from all the pollution sources, your lawn can be even more important to sustaining human life.

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Animal Industry Day is July 10 on the Virginia Tech Campus. We have arranged for a bus--costs is just $8.50. Let us know early if you plan to attend.

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On Saturday, July 11, the Appomattox cattlemen hold their summer picnic on the John and Phil Harrison farm. This is for the entire family. It is really helpful if you'll let us know how many are coming. We want enough food, but at the same time not to be wasteful.

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Regarding safety: If everyone would wear safety belts it's estimated 9000 lives would be saved annually.

Almost half the fatal auto crashes involving drivers 18 and under occur between 8:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. A recent study showed no adult passengers were present in 83% of these crashes!!

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Worship Schedule

Sat. 4th: Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m.
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Tues. 7th: Morning Prayer 8:30
Wed. 8th: Morning Prayer 8:30
Thurs. 9th: Holy Eucharist 7:00
Morning Prayer 8:30.
Fri. 10th: Morning Prayer 8:30

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The Pastor Speaks

By DANIEL W. MENSER

2 Chronicles 7:12-22: "Then if my people will humble themselves and pray, and search for me, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." Verse 14.

The city's leaders had failed to exercise their power for the benefit of the people. As a result, distrust and cynicism were growing among the people. The citizens felt they had no one whom they could rely. About that time, however, a group of concerned Christians and church members started meeting regularly for Bible study and prayer. They asked for God's guidance in directing their city's leaders while committing themselves to follow his guidance.

After several weeks of spiritual growth and renewed commitment, this group of Christians set out to revive the city spiritually. Their efforts were greatly blessed by God as hundreds of citizens were touched through their Christian witness. The city did not solve all of its problems overnight, but the people who lived there had a new determination to face those problems and to try to find answers to them. As people wanted to "heal their land."

Could your church help revive your city spiritually? Has it tried to do so? What about you as an individual? What have you done? God can use you to strengthen your city's spiritual condition.

Sometimes God must treat us in some way to make us aware of our city's spiritual needs. He knows we must give up certain things in our lives to cause us to grow spiritually. What do you need to give up so that you can grow up? God hears our prayers, but his answers are very different from what we want. Being a Christian is a continuous process of growing into a more mature faith. Pray God's guidance in your journey to becoming a Christlike person.

Daniel W. Menser is pastor of Central and Hollywood Baptist Churches in Appomattox, Va.

Cannery opens today

The Pamplin School Community Cannery will open today (Wednesday, July 1), and the Appomattox School Community Cannery will open tomorrow (Thursday), according to local school officials.

Opening dates for the canneries were inadvertently ommited in a Times-Virginian story last week.

Persons desiring further information regarding use of the canneries are asked to call 248-6191 for the Pamplin Cannery, or 352-2222 for the Appomattox Cannery, during normal cannery hours.

At other times information regarding the canneries may be obtained by calling Jimmy Burcher at 352-5602 and Barry Sauls at 352-5390.

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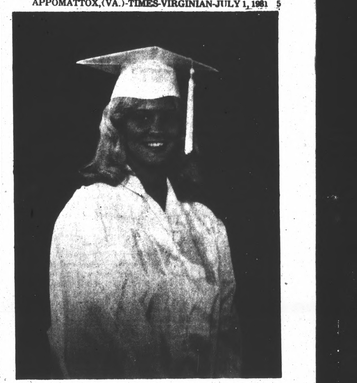

DEE ANN WOOTEN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wooten, recently graduated from Bauder Fashion College in Atlanta, Ga. Dee Ann received her Associate of Arts degree, majoring in merchandising at commencement exercises held May 28 in Atlanta's Fox Theater. While attending Bauder she was active in student affairs and served as president of the Merchandising Club. Dee Ann has accepted a position as fashion co-ordinator for Rick's Department Store in Atlanta.

Miss Womack wed to Mr. Glenn

The marriage of Miss Tammy Marie Womack to Lynwood Twyman Glenn took place Saturday afternoon, June 27 at Walkers Presbyterian Church in Hixburg, Virginia.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ryland Womack, of Pamplin, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Clemmie Glenn Gobble, of Hixburg, and the late Robert Lee Glenn.

The Rev. Millard Stimpson and the Rev. Linda Shatzer, both of Hat Creek, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Lisa Bryant, of Cullen, presented the organ music for the ceremony and also accompanied Miss Tamara Nash of Appomattox who sang "The Wedding Song" and "You Light Up My Life."

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a gown of snowy white fantasy polyester. The bodice was covered with organza and accented with appliques of stippled Chantilly lace. The high neckline and full bishop-sleeves were trimmed in Wyla lace and small appliques. The gown had a high empire fitted waist..ne trimmed with matching lace, complemented by the flowing chapel length train. Her veil was fingertip length attached to a laced appliqued cap to match the bodice of her gown.

She carried a white lace fan accented with white butterfly orchids, white daisies, yellow sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

Miss Kimberly Hipps, of Pamplin, was the maid of honor. Other attendants were Mrs. Ann Simmons, of Prospect; Miss Judy Zimmerman, of Concord; and Miss Jane Almond, of Pamplin. All of the attendants were yellow floor-length gowns fashioned of fantasy polyester with elbow-length cape, scoop neckline and full skirt. The honor attendant carried a bouquet of white daisies, yellow sweetheart roses and baby's breath. The other attendants carried bouquets of yellow and white daisies and baby's breath.

Robert Glenn, of Appomattox, was his brother's best man. Other groomsmen were Ricky Simmons, of Prospect; Jerry Womack, of Pamplin, brother of the bride; and Robbie Thomas, of Pamplin, cousin of bride. The groom wore a white tuxedo; the groomsman wore tuxedoes of dark green.

Miss Michele Stanley, of Appomattox, was flower girl. She wore a floor length gown of white eyelet, the waist encircled with a white satin ribbon. Master Andy Murray, of Pamplin, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer. He was dressed in white. Miss Angie Murray, cousin of the bride, attended the guest register.

The bride's mother wore a floor-length gown of turquoise. Both mothers wore white butterfly orchid shoulder corsages.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Sanders, of Pamplin, wore a lavender floral dress with a white butterfly orchid corsage.

Mrs. Margie Covington, of Pamplin, directed the wedding.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Womack were hosts for the reception at the church. Mrs. Margaret Garrison, of Pamplin, took charge of the reception. Helping with the reception were Mrs. Nedra Womack, Mrs. Jean Carrico, Mrs. Edna Womack and Mrs. Addie Baker, all of Evergreen. Mrs. Mildred Hipps, Mrs. Ruby Almond, both of Pamplin; and Mrs. Shelby Bryant, of Cullen. Robert Earl Pankey was chosen as photographer for the occasion.

After a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the couple will reside in Farmville.

Garden Club Meets

The June meeting of the Concord Garden Club was held in the home of Mrs. Charles F. Jones with co-hostess being Mrs. Kelly Webb.

Mrs. Embra Tillotson of the Virginia Extension Service in Rustburg was speaker of the day with "Propagation, Mulch and Compost" the subject.The Geographic of Aug. '80 carries good information on compost.

Mrs. Theodore Carson was a guest of the club.

The next meeting is to be July 13 at 9:45 a.m. in the home of Mrs. Ernest Goff.

Results of the day's judging:
Specimen: Magnolia blossom-blue-Mrs. C. R. Carson.

Red rose, "Chrysler Imperial"-Blue-Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie.

Plants: African violets-2blue, Mrs. J. Hammond, "Little Boy Blue" and "Independence".

Philodendron, "Crowfoot,"-Blue, Mrs. J. MacKenzie.

Display (of Pansies)-Blue, Mrs. J. Hancock.

Miss Stratton wed to Mr. Baker

The marriage of Miss Ruth Ann Stratton to Mr. Jeffrey Lee Baker took place Saturday, June 27, at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn of the bride's home.

The Reverend Carl H. Patton, pastor of Hebron Baptist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony. Miss Laura Cole of Richmond and Miss Renee Williams of Gladstone presented a program of traditional wedding music.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Stratton of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Gate City, Virginia.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a chiffon gown with Brussels and Venice lace designed with empire waist, double chiffon sleeves, and high lace neck accented with seed pearls. The chiffon skirt flowed into a chapel length train. She wore a matching, medium brim hat of Brussels lace with scalloped edge accented with flowers of Venice lace with an illusion veil in the back.

She carried a contemporary cresent of white silk Japhet orchids, stephanotis, lily of the valley and twining ivy.

Ms. Kay Burnett of Lynchburg was matron of honor; maid of honor was Miss Patti Stratton of Appomattox, both sisters of the bride. The attendants wore matching floor length gowns of white organdy over taffeta accented with mauve and orchid ribbon. They carried natural basket bouquets cascaded with mauve and orchid silk daisys with trails of ivy.

Flower girl was Miss Channing Cathell of Richmond, niece of the bride. She wore floor length dress of white eyelet accented with pink ribbons. She carried a natural basket bouquet filled with pink, white, and mauve silk daisys and ivy.

Mr. E. Christian Nuckols of Richmond served as best man. Mr. Ralph E. Stanley of Gladstone as groomsman.

The bride's mother wore a street length dress of turquoise crepe accented with a white cattleya orchid corsage.

Mrs. James E. Herndon and Mrs. Bert D. Stratton both grandmothers of the bride wore corsages of white phalaenopsis orchids. Mrs. Tom Herron, sister of the groom and Mrs. Byron Peterson, aunt of the groom, also wore corsages of white phalaenopsis orchids.

Miss Stratton is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University where she received a bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Mr. Baker is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology. He is currently employed as terminal manager by Watkins Motor Lines in Richmond where the couple will make their home.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception.

Miss Lewis engaged

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lewis of Appomattox announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Anne, to Karl Thomas Freshwater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Freshwater of Colliers, West Virginia.

Miss Lewis is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed by Robert W. Carter, Sr., Attorney, Appomatox, Virginia.

Mr. Freshwater, a native of West Virginia, graduated from Brooke County High School and is presently employed by J. E. Sears and Company, Inc., of Appomattox, Virginia.

The union of Mary Anne and Karl will be an event of August 1, 1981, at seven o'clock in the evening, with Rocks Baptist Church, Pamplin, Virginia, being the setting.

Although no invitations are being sent all relatives and friends are expected to attend.

Social notes

Mrs. Winnie B. Akers is a patient in the Lynchburg General Hospital after undergoing surgery for a broken hip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren Broyles of Saint Marys, Ohio visited on Wednesday with Mrs. O. L. Scheffler at Babcock Manor.

Wedding set

The marriage of Miss Ann Gardner Tsoleas to Robin Wallace Moore will take place at 7:30 p.m. the evening of July 4 at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Nick G. Tsoleas and the late Mr. Tsoleas and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace D. Moore.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Birth announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Lee Inge proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Candance Leigh, six pounds ten ounces, born June 11, 1981. Mrs. Inge is the former Candace Melanie Folks.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Inge, Route 3, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Alice Herncalf Folks and maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Lila Barlow Herncall.

Couple honored here

On Saturday, June 20, Mr. and Mrs. James E. McClary of Appomattox hosted a Bon Voyage party for their son and daughter-in-law; Paul and Doris McClary.

The couple left Saturday, June 27, to make their home in Guam for the next two years where Mr. McClary will be stationed while serving the United States Coast Guard.

Doris is the daughter of Mrs. Thelma Hughes, also of Appomattox.

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